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**(U) NATIONAL****(U) District of Columbia—FAA Expects 600,000 Commercial Drones in the Air within a Year**

(U) Washington—FAA Administrator Michael Huerta announced that more than 3,000 people had registered to take the commercial drone pilot certification yesterday, the first day the test was offered, and the FAA predicts that there could be as many as 600,000 unmanned aircraft used commercially within the first year of the new regulations. There are 20,000 drones currently registered for commercial use, but the new rules, which change the process of acquiring a license to make it easier for individuals, will likely produce a 30-fold increase in a matter of months.

SOURCE: 29 August 2016, [NPR](#)

**(U) District of Columbia—US Senators Urge Obama to Prioritize Cyber Crime at G20 Summit**

(U) Washington—Six US senators have urged President Barack Obama to prioritize cyber crime at this weekend's Group of 20 summit in China, in the wake of the February theft of \$81 million from Bangladesh's central bank. In the letter sent to the White House ahead of the 4-5 September summit, Sherrod Brown, a senior Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee, and five other Democratic senators say they want the US president to press leaders from the world's 20 biggest economies to commit in joint communiques to a "coordinated strategy to combat cyber-crime at critical financial institutions." The White House expects the issue will be on the agenda.

SOURCE: 30 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Afghanistan—Taliban Appoints New Military Chief**

(U) Kabul—The Taliban have appointed a new military chief as the insurgents try to gain more ground in Afghanistan rather than talk peace under a new leadership, according to Taliban officials. The appointment of Mullah Ibrahim Sadar, once a close ally of Taliban founder Mullah Mohammed Omar, coincides with an uptick in Taliban attacks against Afghan security forces. Afghanistan's Ministry of Defense says its security forces are waging operations in 15 provinces.

SOURCE: 30 August 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) Kyrgyzstan—Suicide Bomber Attacks Chinese Embassy**

(U) Bishkek—A suicide bomber blew himself up inside the Chinese Embassy's compound in Kyrgyzstan's capital this morning, wounding three Kyrgyz staff members, according to local officials. The attacker, who died at the scene, rammed the gates of the embassy with a vehicle that exploded about 160 feet into the compound. According to the preliminary investigation, the attacker was a Uighur, a Turkic ethnic group in Eastern and Central Asia who have called upon the Chinese government to recognize their independence. Kyrgyzstan's government, in a statement, called the attack "a terrorist act."

SOURCE: 30 August 2016, [New York Times](#)

**(U) Somalia—Truck Bomb Explodes Near Presidential Palace**

(U) Mogadishu—A truck bomb exploded earlier today at the Somali presidential palace and the popular

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Somali Youth League Hotel in Mogadishu, according to Somalian police. Al-Qa'ida-affiliated terrorist group Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for the attack, which killed twelve and injured at least fifteen. An al-Shabaab spokesman said the explosion—which caused extensive damage to parts of the hotel and the checkpoint to the palace—targeted lawmakers and ministers holding a meeting there.

SOURCE: 30 August 2016, [CNN](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) Texas—DPS Proposes \$1 Billion to Increase Border Security**

(U) Austin— The Texas Department of Public Safety is seeking a nearly \$300 million budget increase that over two years could increase border security costs to more than \$1 billion. Officials said yesterday the additional funds are needed to hire 250 more state troopers for border duty, install 5,000 more cell-based cameras along the Rio Grande, replace 1,240 vehicles, two helicopters and four airplanes used in border enforcement, and to upgrade cybersecurity and counterterrorism initiatives. DPS director Steve McCraw has touted the border-security program as a key to thwarting international drug cartels from spreading crimes across Texas.

SOURCE: 29 August 2016, [Houston Chronicle](#)

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